



## Perianesthesia Nursing: Beyond the Basics

Perianesthesia patient care is a challenging environment which includes a wide variety of acute patient problems, advanced technology, complicated pharmacology and frequent clinical crises.

This seminar is designed to advance the skills of nurses in perianesthesia care, perioperative care, ambulatory surgery and surgical intensive care nursing. By participating in this seminar, all nurses with experience caring for patients along the anesthesia continuum will...

- ...sharpen their professional abilities
- ...improve patient safety
- ...increase individual and team confidence
- ...boost personal satisfaction with a job well-done!

Topics are based on some of the most interesting cases from Deborah's extensive experience as well as the clinical literature. It's an intensive day in a friendly, easy-going learning environment.

Specific topics include:

- What's New in Anesthesia: How recent advances in anesthetic drugs, techniques, monitoring and philosophies impact on your nursing care
- Polishing Your Competence and Confidence for Clinical Crises - Including updates in resuscitative protocols, ACLS tips for the non-ACLS nurse, unique aspects of crisis management in the perianesthesia unit.
- Critical Teamwork: The Lost Airway - How airway management is determined throughout the various parts of anesthesia care, nursing roles in preventing an airway crisis, techniques and equipment for airway management scenarios, the vital steps of the ASA Difficult Airway Algorithm and associated nursing actions.
- "I was awake during my operation." Controversies about the role of the BiSpectral Index (BIS) monitor in preventing intra-op awareness as well as its place in cost-containment in anesthesia care. Learn the nursing actions essential for the patient who tells you he has experienced awareness under anesthesia.
- Demystifying Neuromuscular Blockade: The paralyzing drugs used in anesthesia care have many advantages, but they also carry disadvantages and dangers. An understanding of their pharmacology, physiology, clinical usage and monitoring is essential for patient safety. Real case studies will illustrate the vital principles nurses need to know to provide safe care to patients who receive these drugs. Learn how to recognize and treat the "Floppy Fish Syndrome."
- Protecting Your Personal Practice and Thriving at the Bedside: The medicolegal world infiltrates our everyday clinical practices, often without our awareness. As an active clinician who is also a Legal Nurse Consultant, Deborah will share case histories which illustrate strengths and weaknesses of perianesthesia nursing practice. Participants will have the opportunity to compare their own practices with real medicolegal cases and to improve their individual and team strategies for pro-active focus.



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